Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is one of the main considerations.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is priority in the case of applications one of the main considerations?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is.

Permission to take cars to British territories.

221. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps, it any, they have taken to get permission from the British Government to take Cochin cars which have not taken British license to British territories?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The Government has addressed the British authorities in the matter. Their final reply has not been received.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know when is the final reply expected?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I regret I cannot add any additional information at this stage.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether any relief can be expected soon and what are the proposals of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A reply is due from the British Government on this point.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what are the proposals made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—To come to some arrangements between the British districts and the Cochin State.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what they are?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have not definitely stated what they should be unless we know what they propose to do. Our aim is that some equitable arrangement should be arrived at.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Were there any prosecutions of any gentlemen who took their cars to the British territory?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Not that I know of.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government exempt all their cars coming to Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is exactly what we have done, but how exactly it should be will be decided after getting the reply from the British Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is a very urgent matter.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We are frequently reminding them.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—During this period did the various Heads of Departments go to British territory in their cars?

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Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I went there in my own car.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are there other instances, including the acting Diwan?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—We sent reports to the D. S. P. to make free access to our cars and that any amount due will be paid later on.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Do the Government collect the tolls when British cars come within our State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—When the British car passes along Cochin territory do you collect any tax, for example, between Cheruviruthy and Shoranur?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—They have to pay the tolls.

Officer for training—Diwan Peishkar's post.

222. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have selected the officer to be given the necessary survey training to be the permanent Diwan Peishkar when the post falls vacant;

(b) is there any truth in the rumour that Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar the Special Officer, is to be the next Diwan Peishkar permanent.

Rama Varmha Tampuran—(a) No.

(b) No answer is required in view of the reply to subdivision (a).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know when the term of the present incumbent expires?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In Meenam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not due to the special term of the appointment, in other words, is it not because he has passed the age of 55?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is according to a special contract and he has passed the age of 55.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the Government any idea of giving the necessary training to the future Diwan Peishkar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—All that I can say is, the question is engaging the attention of the Durbar.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Whether they have any idea of giving the necessary survey training to any particular officer to be appointed as Diwan Peishkar.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That question is engaging the attention of the Durbar.

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